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Rail Trail opens

Haliburton County's Rail Trail officially opened to ATVs on May 14. This couple and their dog took advantage of the trail near Gelert while on their way to Haliburton. In previous years, riders were not permitted to go on the trail until June 1.

Photo by George Farrell.

Haliburton man dies after falling in lake

By Mark Arike

A 20-year-old Haliburton man who was working at a cottage with his father lost his life after ending up in Soyers Lake on May 14.

According to Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Sandy Adams, Kieran Wulff entered the water in the Poverty Bay area of Soyers Lake.

"They were working on a dock," said Adams in an email. "I understand that he entered the water to retrieve a boat."

People across the lake witnessed the incident, which occurred at around 1 pm, and called emergency services. The OPP, Dysart et al fire department and EMS arrived on scene and pulled Wulff from the water. He was transported to the Minden hospital and later airlifted to Peterborough Regional Health Centre, where he was pronounced dead.

Foul play is not suspected. According to Adams, a post-mortem was being conducted on Wednesday, May 16.

"It looks like it was an accident," she said.

Linguist mines for jewels in the Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

As a child, Sali Tagliamonte was fascinated by the different speech patterns and the "peculiar" expressions of the many visitors to her grandparents' store at Maple Station (now Swords) in Muskoka.

So when as a university student she discovered a whole science dedicated to the study of language, Tagliamonte dove in head first.

The University of Toronto linguistics professor has now been studying language and teaching in various parts of the world for 20 years. She travelled to Haliburton this week to

interview local residents, recording their oral histories for study and for the community.

"We can see in language the history of our communities, of our culture, our families – we can see the history of our civilization in a way," said Tagliamonte, likening a linguist's work to that of a geologist studying layers of rock.

Potential interviewees are often reluctant to participate at first.

"People don't think they have any 'knowledge,' but in fact their experiences, their life stories, their memories – those are jewels of history and culture and

identity and all kinds of things," said Tagliamonte. "Dialects are a national treasure and we should value them because they have so much worth, intrinsically and otherwise."

It was Tagliamonte's assistant Martin Sneath who convinced her to include Haliburton on her annual spring interview rounds. Sneath has been skiing at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike for the past 10 years. Early on he would talk to people on the ski hill, hear an accent and ask what part of England they were from, only to learn that they had been born and raised in the area.

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Sali Tagliamonte
 Linguistics professor

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Tagliamonte noted the British Isles heritage in Canada generally and said that language patterns change more slowly in rural communities. Also, in communities like Haliburton that have a large influx of visitors, local language features actually strengthen rather than die.

Among the people Tagliamonte interviewed this week was Julia Robertson, vice president of the Haliburton Historical Society. The conversation covered logging, hunting, war brides, moonshine, healing plants, leg wrestling at parties, horses drawing a school across a frozen lake for relocation, walking from Peterborough to Haliburton, native Haliburton Gold lake trout and the 1986 fire on Highland Street.

Tagliamonte and Sneath have been recording stories from as many people as they can this week. With their permission, Sneath will transcribe some of the best stories into a booklet that can be given to the library, museum and/or any other group that would like a copy. They will produce high-quality digitized recordings for the museum if desired.

"Oral history is a very precious thing and with the audio recording it can be stored and returned to the community in a way that will make it accessible for generations to come," said Tagliamonte, adding that

otherwise it can be lost forever.

Tagliamonte will also be happy to return to speak about her findings if asked. The actual processing of the interviews will take at least a year. Sneath will transcribe every word, including 'ums' and 'uhs.' Tagliamonte will pull out her virtual magnifying glass as "the linguistics detective" to analyze the results and trace the language patterns back to their original roots. Among other things, she studies the underlying grammar – whether a local dialect is dying, whether young people are using it, dropping it, or selectively using portions of it.

She pointed out that language that is considered ungrammatical now, such as "yous" (plural of "you"), often was correct at some time and place in history. If the speaker's ancestors were Gaelic-speaking Scots, the speaker comes by "yous" honestly.

The detective has not been immune to analysis of her own dialect. When she taught in England her students reported they had difficulty understanding her through the "thick accent." Her daughter has teased her about a particular pronunciation, but Tagliamonte said that for her, "tiger" will always be "tagger."

Tagliamonte's latest book, *Roots of English: Exploring the History of Dialects*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in October.



Linguist Sali Tagliamonte interviews Julia Robertson of the Haliburton Historical Society. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

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30 riders head out to go for a ride around Haliburton Village. Photo by Jim Frost.

Big Bike comes to town

By Douglas Pugh

The Big Bike, a mechanical marvel that has helped raise money for The Heart and Stroke Foundation for over 18 years, rolled through Haliburton with a group of peddlers on Friday, May 11.

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Welcome back

Not 10 minutes before starting to write this column, I heard the first loon call of the season, a coincidental clarion to all who will enjoy the Highlands in the coming months.

This weekend marks the official start of the summer season in the Highlands. Traditionally, it's the time seasonal residents and cottagers return for another year of enjoying the lakes, woodlands and towns that make up our part of the world.

The effect of this transition on full-time residents is like an awakening of the senses. Where, just a few weeks ago, the landscape was brown and grey and dormant, quiet and calm, now it plays a symphony in green and blue, each blooming wildflower and scampering creature a note in this remarkable renewal of our natural world.

Our towns and hamlets come alive with activity as patios are opened and streets become busy with people coming for groceries, a piece of hardware, dinner or a bit of shopping. Some estimates have the population tripling over the summer — can you imagine that happening in a place like Toronto? Everything changes and so much happens for just a few short months.

While so many were away, we've been busy ourselves over the winter — and with more than just work. Full-time Highlanders are famous for their volunteerism, running dozens of non-profits and charities. There are volunteer firefighters and caregivers, radio station personalities and environmental educators. The Highlands has a great library system, all kinds of sports leagues and one of the strongest arts communities anywhere. Cottagers sometimes miss this side of the Highlands, but those who retire or move here permanently are rewarded with much more than the landscape; it's a strong community and surprisingly diverse. Still, it is by every measure (except geography) a small community.

But this weekend, quiet lakes, where perhaps just a few scattered porch lights were visible over winter, will be vibrant with activity. Docks will be put in, boats launched, barbecues cleaned and decks stained; cottages will be tidied, kids will resume their explorations and old friends will meet again on warm evenings under starry skies. There's nothing like coming back to the cottage for the first time of the season; breathing in the woodland air, thick with the smells of old leaves and new blossoms. Inevitably, there will be a few leaf blowers and chainsaws started too early on weekend mornings — there's such little time to get so much done. Well, almost anything can be forgiven on a warm summer's day.

For many people, this will be their first time reading *The Highlander*. We started in October, after most of the cottagers and seasonal residents had left and now look forward to our first summer as if we ourselves are fledging from the nest. We're committed to serving all Highlanders, so make sure to let us know about your lake association meetings and fun days; write us with your comments and what you'd like to see in the paper. Over the summer, we'll carry stories and features we hope will be of interest to you. Many talk about differences between permanent and seasonal residents — in style, in culture — but what we all have in common is a love for the Highlands; we aim to represent that for everyone.

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We wish all of our readers a great summer.



Picture left to right: Sandra Slauenwhite-Box (Volunteer Dental Outreach), Dale Rider (newsletter), Patricia Bormanis (secretary), Pennie Kent (Carnarvon Family Golf) and

Bonnie Foster (president). The Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League recently held their ice breaker "tee" Friday night at the Haliburton Curling Club. Each and every Tuesday, the Putters and the Chippers play rotating through four local golf courses.

Those interested in golfing in this league should contact Lynne Brady by email at lynnebrady10@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

A stranger helps

To the Editor:

A few days ago something wonderful happened to me in our beautiful Haliburton. I had bought a barbecue at one of our local merchants and the clerk and I were trying to wrestle it into my car, without success. A passerby, whom I barely knew, came back after going to his car and offered to take it to my home, even though I live 15 km out of his way. I accepted the offer and he followed me home, bringing a young man with him so that I wouldn't have to help lift it out of the car. Then, when I tried to at least pay for his fuel to come out so far, he refused to accept any money.

This good deed reaffirms why I am so fortunate to live in Haliburton County. If this were the city, no one would offer to help and if someone did, I would be afraid to accept their offer, wondering if they had an ulterior motive. But people here care about one another and help one another. This is what a community is all about and why I am so glad that I chose to live here.

Thank you, FT, and thank you to the residents of Haliburton for making this such a great place to live.

Judy Neimann
Drag Lake

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Letters to the Editor

Aboriginal residential schools a travesty

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Charles Lutz's letter in which he claims that the Aboriginal residential schools of Canada were a form of 'worthy education.' I consider his letter to be the height of ignorance and poor taste, and find it shocking that anybody would actually defend an institution as atrocious as Aboriginal residential schools.

I am not an expert on Aboriginal residential schools. However, I was fortunate to study under Dr. John Milloy, who is considered an authority on the subject and is well-known for his book *A National Crime: The Canadian Government and the Residential School System*.

Lutz tries to dismiss the travesties of the residential schools system as 'a few bad apples.' Yet cultural assimilation was the primary objective of the schools. Public documents clearly

show that official policy included forcibly removing children from their families, shaving the heads of the longhaired boys upon arrival, forcing European clothing to be worn and beating children for speaking their native languages. Of course there are the countless cases of rape and molestation within the schools.

Lutz suggests that the residential schools were rescuing Aboriginal children from tuberculosis and disease. Yet contemporary reports show that even government officials were shocked at the epidemic-like levels of tuberculosis that were created and endured in the church-administered schools.

Considering the widespread poverty and suffering in First Nations communities today, Lutz's claim that the schools created an Aboriginal community 'well prepared to function' in Canadian society is ridiculous. When one realizes that even the Anglican Church has officially apologized for the

residential schools and admitted their guilt in the rape of multiple Aboriginal generations, Lutz's argument loses all credibility.

The Aboriginal residential school experience is well summarized by the example of Charlie Wenjack. Charlie was a 12 year-old Anishinabe boy forced into a residential school in Kenora. Like so many of his peers, he endured extreme abuse and molestation. Determined to escape the hell of the school, Charlie broke out one winter night and tried to run the hundreds of kilometers home to his family. He froze to death.

Charlie Wenjack obviously didn't consider it 'worthy education.'

**Tyson Farrell
Gelert**

Don't miss an opportunity

Dear Editor:

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Joey Perrault

Devolin reckless with our health

Dear Editor,

MP Barry Devolin is acting recklessly, putting his community members' health at risk. He is supporting legislation that will reduce food safety oversight and make major cuts to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

Canadians remember the devastating impact on many families from deaths caused by the Listeriosis outbreaks. We know that more needs to be done to protect consumers, but in a callous and misguided move the Conservatives are making the problem worse. They have decided to cut food inspectors and eliminate programs designed to proactively identify unsafe meat and other food products.

Bowing to industry pressure, Conservatives are also eliminating enforcement of product labelling in spite of widespread violations. Consumers will now be responsible for determining whether companies' claims about nutritional information, such as levels of cholesterol, sodium and sugar, are true. For those with serious health conditions like peanut allergies or diabetes, false claims could prove deadly.

Waiting for Canadians to get sick is not a food safety strategy.

I encourage Mr. Devolin to reverse his reckless position and put Canadians' health first.

**Frank Valeriote, MP
Liberal Party Critic for Agriculture**

The Outsider — Selling a lifestyle

Think of this as a purely prosaic public service if you like; consider it an intriguing snapshot into the lives of folk in Haliburton County; or look upon it as a chance to explore new avenues.

What am I talking about? The message board at Foodland, of course. That place where you can make out a card and post it on the wall, hoping to sell or buy something, give away junk or find a treasure.

You must have stopped and looked occasionally, checking out what's for sale, smirking at the spelling mistakes (or is that just my writer's pomposity coming to the surface?), deciphering the jargon and the scrawled hand writing of the ads; some of them almost too professionally written, the level of information baffling to mere mortals like me; some obviously penned by a distracted chimp with dyslexia.

Well written or not, these ads are priceless for the insight they give me and you into the collective psyche of the place in which we live, the behind the scenes lives of characters that we pass by everyday on the way to the store.

'GUNS FOR SALE...' This was the ad that caught my attention. Three words, written big and bold. There was nothing else on the card apart from a phone number. I was intimidated by the statement and the forceful way in which it had been written. I was scared of what might happen to me

if I called the number and went out to meet Mr. GUNS FOR SALE — it has to be a Mr. doesn't it? I imagined scenes from the film *Deliverance*. The diddle deedle dee of the banjo, the toothless grin, the horror of what came next. I made a mental note to pass on that ad.

Next was 'Recumbent exercise bike for sale, paid \$1049, super smooth and quiet, asking \$300...' What a bargain, an exercise bike that you lay back on to use. That's like buying a bicycle and getting a sun lounger thrown in for free. The downside: it goes nowhere and while trying to relax and catch a few rays, there's no room to rest your cocktail, plus the incessant pedaling means your chips keep falling off your lap.

'Older Stereo System (plays LPs) \$25...' Ha ha, dear advertisement writer, I like your creative description. You mean a record player, don't you? For younger readers, records are those big black frisbees that mom and dad keep in the loft. For those who have a record collection, maybe you should also consider the ad offering 'In-line rollerblades, size 9, just \$75...' Cut the sleeves off a sweater to make leg warmers, dust off that Kenny Loggins LP and glide round the living room (or stumble about with the balance of a new born fawn) reliving the angst of your 1980s teen years.

There were also an assortment of ads for vehicles and associated bits: '1995 Jeep Cherokee Sport, good condition,

\$2500...'; 'Pontiac Sunbird convertible, \$1200 as is...' As Is? What does that mean? As is a bit knackered? '1981 Westfalia camper van 'ready to go...', although it might need a push! 'Tires — not snow, no rims, hardly used...' For a car, truck, a recumbent exercise bike, who knows? Oh yes, and 'garage door opener, half horse with instruction manual...' What use is an instruction manual for half a horse, and do you get the front or back end?

There were 'Kittens, ten weeks old, litter trained, free to a good home...' and an interesting notice stating, 'Colourful Bird Feathers Wanted — parrots, eagle, owl, cardinal...' Hmm, could a couple of those free kitties be trained as owl and eagle catchers, I wonder?

And then I saw it, 'F-Tone Mandolin, satin finish, excellent condition, \$500...' It was expensive but just imagine. I could buy it, work up the courage to visit Mr. GUNS FOR SALE and then, when kayakers float down the Burnt River past my place, I can sit there on my recumbent exercise bike, grinning crazily with a shotgun in my lap, playing diddle deedle diddle dee... The look on their faces would be priceless, worth every penny spent via the message board.



By Will Jones

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County news

Big ideas for county tourism

Findings from town hall to go in report to determine next steps

By Mark Arike

Haliburton County's stakeholders got creative as they pondered the future of tourism promotion in the Highlands at a May 7 tourism town hall meeting.

The full morning event, which was held at the Haliburton Legion and hosted by the County's tourism department, saw some 65 people attend, many of whom included business owners.

The morning started with results of a revealing survey led by consultant Jim Blake. In it, a total of 35 questions covered topics such as business trends, online marketing (websites and social media), advertising and the county's marketing initiatives.

Although the number of respondents was different for each question (not every question pertained to each person), the results showed that there is an obvious disconnect between the county and stakeholders when it comes to marketing.

For example, 73 percent said they don't use the Haliburton Highlands logo on their

website and 43 percent weren't aware that the tourism department has a Facebook page.

After the survey, participants joined groups to examine five of the county's current marketing initiatives, including: website (www.haliburtonholidays.com), Destination Guide, social media, tourist information centre and consumer shows. Each group appointed a person to report their findings and suggest areas of improvement.

The power of social media was the first item addressed in a presentation by John Teljeur.

"There aren't a lot of people who have adopted Facebook or the other platforms that are out there," said Teljeur, whose group suggested that the county organize a "social media boot camp" and help stakeholders develop their online presence with the county's branding materials in mind.

The next group discussed consumer shows and decided that they are "worthwhile." They determined that is important to figure out how to measure and evaluate their effectiveness; understand the market; and

market in smaller, more local shows to draw from the catchment area.

The group that examined the county's tourism website (www.haliburtonholidays.com) suggested changes such as a new domain name and look.

"There's confusion," said group spokesman Chris Bishop.

"The other thing we want the website to have are some good visual images in a slideshow format on the homepage. We also want to see the deals that people are offering in Haliburton County – you tap and go to the deal of the week or what's happening at resorts offering a discount," said Bishop.

The group also decided that the county should have a mobile-friendly website.

Those talking about the visitor's centre, which is located off Hwy 35, agreed that it is an important marketing tool.

"We need one, we need to invest in it," said Sue Yallop.

The group's short-term plan included upgrades to the building and its property to create a more welcoming environment.

"We suggest expanding the parking, getting something that makes kids feel welcome in that parking area... We also need to do something with the washrooms," said Yallop.

For the long-term, the group decided that the Minden centre should be kept as a satellite office and that another location be built in Carnarvon.

"It [Carnarvon] has the busiest intersection in Haliburton County... It is a major gateway to the Haliburton Highlands," said Yallop.

Other groups suggested that the county make a video that goes viral on YouTube; include links on the website to other community groups and events calendars; and make changes to the Destination Guide.

Next, Blake asked those in the room to come up with one big idea. Getting the Olympics, finding celebrity ambassadors, delivering superior customer service across the county and developing a link to the Trans Canada Trail were some of the ideas that were presented.

It was announced that Blake would take the findings from the town hall and present them to the county in a report.

Evaluating tourism assets

Nicole Whitney, manager of the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO), attended the event to explain what her organization is doing to help promote tourism in the Highlands.

"We're striving to promote our region as a tourism destination, which you are a part of, as well as develop the product within our

destination," said Whitney.

OHTO is one of 13 regional tourism organizations created by the Ontario government to increase tourism to the province. In addition to Haliburton County, OHTO covers the counties of Lanark, Renfrew and portions of Frontenac, Hastings, and Lennox and Addington.

Whitney encouraged those in the room to commit to their ideas and make them a reality.

"It's a long-term process to destination development... Don't leave unless you feel like there's a next step for you because ideas are only as good as the people who are available to implement them," she said. "I encourage you to work with your county to try and prioritize the ideas that come out of today."

Following Whitney's speech, Richard Innes of Brain Trust Marketing & Communications presented a draft overview and recommendations from the Premier-Ranked Tourist Destinations Framework (PRTDF) for the county. The PRTDF was designed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism in 2001 to help areas assess their tourism assets and improve upon what they have.

"This is the final sub-region report that we'll be doing," said Innes, who explained that his company has been working with the tourism industry for 13 years to help them "initially market."

"We've worked on this particular framework in 33 destinations across the province," said Innes.

Innes provided a snapshot of the report and asked for feedback so that he could get "the industry to understand what it has revealed."

"This is a foundational piece of information that really will help determine your success. It's about sub-regional development in the context of what's happening in the region," he said.

A Premier-ranked destination, according to Innes, is one that is more attractive than the rest.

"It gets up on the top of the list when someone is thinking about taking a leisure experience, planning an event, going to a sports tournament..." he said.

After his presentation, those in the room seemed to agree with many of the findings in the study. Some asked if they could submit additional information to Innes for inclusion in the report. He welcomed their feedback and asked they get it in as soon as possible so that he can finalize the report for the county's economic development committee.

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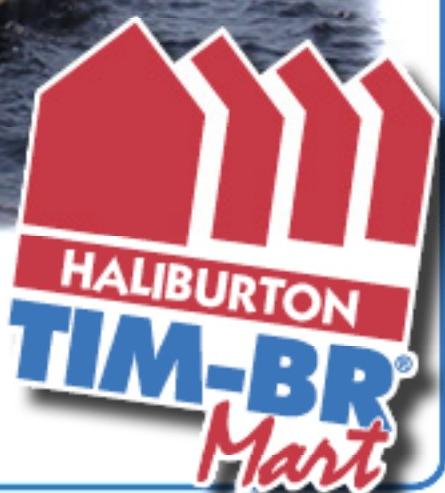
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Municipality and CUPE come to agreement

By Mark Arike

After months of negotiations, the Municipality of Highlands East has announced that it has reached a settlement with Local Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 4416.

"Having commenced mediation, the municipality put forward an offer which was reasonable and equitable, and hopefully will be ratified by CUPE members within the next two weeks," stated a May 7 press release from the municipality. "As a result of the settlement, the municipality, while allowing for some concessions, reached a contract which will allow for long-term cost savings to the municipality."

The release went on to say that the municipality is "looking forward to the next four years of harmonious labour relations."

According to a May 19 press release from CUPE, front-line workers at the municipality were "seeking a fair contract similar to what the three other neighbouring municipalities negotiated with their workers."

"CUPE 4416 is seeking a deal on par with what other municipal workers in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton and Dysart et al achieved with their respective employers earlier this year," stated the release.

CUPE requested a "no board" report from the Ontario Ministry of Labour. Instead, a provincial mediator was brought in to assist both parties to reach a settlement.

Mediation took place on May 7. A legal lockout or strike date was set for May 9 at 12:01 am.

CUPE 4416 represents 28 employees, including: equipment operators, mechanics, labourers, area attendants, by-law officers, financial and administrative staff and others.

Scott prevails with private member's bill

Submitted by John Spink

On Thursday, May 11, Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, claimed victory with the second reading passage of her private member's bill, *An Act to Amend the Endangered Species Act*.

"We are moving forward with important legislation that will bring a more balanced approach to species protection, without penalizing farmers, forestry companies, recreational outdoor enthusiasts and countless other individuals and organizations who have been negatively impacted by the disastrous implementation of the current legislation by [the Ministry of Natural Resources] MNR," said Scott, who is the [Progressive Conservative] PC critic for Natural Resources.

Scott, who made her comments following her speech in the Ontario Legislature, wants it to be mandatory for the MNR to consider social and economic factors, including job losses and the loss of land use, when developing proposals regarding species recovery and habitat protection.

"The current implementation of the act isn't fair and balanced if in order to achieve the objective, the onus is on the private landowner or operator to bear the economic and financial burden. Taking land out of use without compensation is not appropriate."

"Potentially telling farmers that they can't cut their hay because of nesting bobolinks is a total disregard for the social and economic factors of an MNR decision." Scott went on to say, "In his support for my bill, David Jewell, a local farmer summed it up well when he said, 'I believe in conservation, but it must allow for common sense. The farming community have been good conservationists and stewards of the land.' I couldn't agree more!"

Scott's Bill 73, which will now be debated by a legislative committee, enjoys broad support from elected officials and regional and province-wide organizations, including: the Ontario Forest Industries Association, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the City of Kawartha Lakes and a multitude of other individuals, organizations and municipalities from across Ontario.

"As someone who represents a small town constituency, I want my neighbours to be able to find good paying jobs right here at home and not be forced to look elsewhere for employment."

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County news

A close second for local Bears' Lair finalist

Peterborough clothing line founder takes competition

By George Farrell

Dorset resident Sarah Coombs didn't win the Bears' Lair finale, but she didn't exactly lose either.

"I was an unofficial close second," said Coombs after the May 12 event, which took place at the Showplace Performance Centre in Peterborough.

Loosely based on CBC's The Dragons' Den series, the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition was created to encourage entrepreneurship and small business development in the cities of Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes, and in the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton.

The competition was spearheaded by the Workforce

Development Board, a community-based, not-for-profit corporation.

Coombs – who was the only one to enter the competition from Haliburton County – lost to Peterborough's Tia Star. Star won for her presentation of a project which featured her own clothing line. She received \$5,000 as well as computer equipment, promotional opportunities, marketing advice, a vacation to Mont Tremblant or Whistler and more.

Winning the competition would have been nice, but according to Coombs "it was a great experience" that allowed her to really dive into her business.

Coombs's presentation was developed around her business concept of "creating professionally narrated virtual tours for real estate professionals who take their own photos."

"My company, V3 Productions, is the only one in Canada offering this service," she said.

"Sarah Coombs made an excellent presentation and the judges advised us to keep in touch with her regarding marketing advice," said Gord Evans, Chief Executive Officer of the Workforce Development Board. "They [the judges] felt that she was very close to operating a successful business," said Evans.

"She is an excellent presenter, very confident – and what she does is heads and shoulders above other options in her field. I don't think it will take much to make her successful."

"Gord advised me to look into the possibilities of getting involved with the Creative Business Incubator in Haliburton," said Coombs, "and with assistance from the Workforce Development Board and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, I feel confident going forward with the next phase of the business, which is the marketing platform stage and getting the website up and running."



Local Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition entrant, Sarah Coombs.



The Haliburton Fire Department members with a cheque for \$10,000. Photo by Don Stephenson.

Poker run money for fire department

By Mark Arike

The Dysart et al fire department recently received a \$10,000 cheque from the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. The funds were generated through the Forest's annual poker run.

"On behalf of the Haliburton Fire and Rescue Association, we would like to say a huge thank you to The Haliburton Forest and Wildlife for their strong continued support again this year," stated a press release. "This is a very generous donation to our association and it is the second year in a row it has reached this amount. For many years, the Haliburton Forest poker run has been extremely generous to our association and has helped us purchase a lot of very important equipment."

The association's mandate for fundraising was established many years ago.

"We raise funds for new fire or rescue equipment. This equipment makes our work safer and our task more effective."

Presently, the department is working on improving their ability to transfer water for fighting fires.

"We are upgrading to a high volume hose and increasing our pump volumes. With new building materials and the types of building construction in Dysart today, this is an important upgrade for the area," the release stated.

Due to last year's poker run, the association was able to invest in a monitor nozzle, snowbulance and a portable fire pump capable of pumping 750 gallons per minute.

Teachers get resource guides

By Mark Arike

Approximately 30 of the 41 schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) have now received Teacher's Resource Guides.

Representatives of the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival presented teachers the books at the TLDSB's EcoSummit held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre on May 10. The books were developed with the help of U-Links and seven Trent University students.

"We're very proud of it," said Irene Heaven, coordinator of the Water Festival. "We hope that you [the students] will use them – and that you will do water chemistry, plant a rain garden or whatever it is you wish to do."

Thanks to the TLDSB, two hard copies will end up at each of the 41 schools in the board along with an additional 10 for the TLDSB resource library. The intent of the guides is to provide teacher's with an additional resource to enhance water education from the festival to the classroom and community.

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Council embraces tourism ambassador program

By Lisa Harrison

More than 100 businesses have signed on to become Haliburton Highlands tourism ambassadors and the program is drawing interest from outside the county as well, Barrie Martin reported to Algonquin Highlands council at their May 3 meeting.

The tourism ambassador program proponent and owner of Yours Outdoors advised council that several Algonquin Highlands businesses have signed on but many more need to be added. Martin said when program packages are delivered to registered businesses, organizers will also contact area businesses that have not yet joined.

The tourism ambassador program is a Haliburton Highlands tourism committee initiative that was spearheaded about two years ago by Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast in Minden. Moore worked with the County of Haliburton to develop the program and successfully gained partial funding from the county and from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

The program started in March of this year and Martin estimated that the first phase will be wrapped up by the end of May. He said that there are businesses outside of the county, such as Harmony Farm, that want to become Highlands ambassadors because they recognize the value of the program to draw additional visitors, keep them longer and keep them coming back.

"Putting on the right face and saying the right things are pretty critical to the well-being of our community and economy," said Martin. "That sounds like a tall order, but in a sense we're all part of the tourist industry and it's our biggest industry... so it's critically important that we present a positive experience to our visitors."

Organizers want to encourage all businesses to consider their role in tourism and join the program; for example, garages and convenience stores.

Tourism ambassadors receive window clings with the county's new logo, *Haliburton Highlands – A Natural Work of Art*, and the invitation "Ask us where to stay, eat and play," plus information folders to use for promotion or for reference if a visitor has a question. Ambassadors also receive a 15-minute "flash" customer service presentation to staff and owners.

Algonquin Highlands council has received a tourism ambassador package and will make a list of areas where the window clings and information folders will be a good fit, including the township office, the water trails office, the airport and locations that have signed up for the Doors Open event in September.

Reeve Moffat asked Martin to ensure that businesses throughout Dorset are approached and Ward 1 Councilor Gord Henderson encouraged organizers to continue to approach service groups as well.

Councilors saw this as a good opportunity in particular for businesses in the Oxtongue Lake area that often end up feeling disenfranchised from the township and more connected with Huntsville. Martin said at least one business there has already signed on and more will be approached.

"It's a really good initiative county-wide," said Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen. "It's in our best interest to sign up as ambassadors."

Once this first phase has finished, the county will serve as the direct contact for the program, said Martin. For now, any business or individual interested in the tourism ambassador program can contact either Martin at 705-754-3436 or info@yoursoutdoors.ca, or Maria Micallef, tourism coordinator for the county at 705-286-1777.

MNR relocation preparations continue Letter of intent still not in hand

By Lisa Harrison

Preparations are continuing for the relocation of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire base to the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport.

At the May 3 Township of Algonquin Highlands council meeting, Chief Administrative Officer Angie Bird reported that the various consultants who will conduct the archeological assessment (stage 2), soil investigation and topographical survey processes have been notified to begin work.

Bird also noted that incoming Operations Manager Mike Thomas continues to work with the project management consultants to review their designs for the MNR's North East Region Fire Management Headquarters.

Council has been expecting a letter of intent in regard to leasing between the township and Infrastructure Ontario.

"They keep saying it's all OK and it's coming," said Reeve Carol Moffat. "We need to see it, the clock is ticking."

Construction on the project is expected to begin in 2013.

Algonquin Highlands

Group of Seven murals approved for community centre

Work to be featured in time for Doors Open event

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved the installation of two four by five-foot outdoor murals of Group of Seven paintings at Oxtongue Lake Community Centre at no cost to the township.

The Oxtongue Lake Community Centre committee proposal to install "one or two" murals was presented in a report to council's May 3 meeting written by Melissa Alfano, Recreation Coordinator for the township.

The murals will be painted on the front of the centre by local artist Gerry Lantaigne. He has been painting outdoor murals since 1997 and 90 Group of Seven murals now decorate buildings in areas such as Huntsville, Deerhurst, Baysville, Algonquin Park and on the Dorset Heritage Museum.

The approximate \$1,500 cost for each mural includes all work, materials and installation. The purchase will be funded by sponsorships and donations.

Oxtongue Lake Community Centre has been chosen as a building with significant cultural heritage and will be featured at Doors Open in September. The committee's

goal is to have at least one mural placed in time for that event.

Alfano's report noted that the murals would not only celebrate the area's cultural heritage and beautify the community centre, but also provide a distinctive year-round attraction, further foster the arts in the county and promote local tourism as a new part of the "Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery".

"We believe it's very well received in the area," said Ward 3 Councilor Marlene Kyle of the mural plan. Kyle said she understands that Lantaigne intends to create a brochure that will highlight his work. He added that this would be very beneficial to Oxtongue Lake.

Reeve Carol Moffatt noted that the murals at Dorset Heritage Museum have required repainting at least once at the artist's expense. Councilors noted that some other murals by the artist appear to have weathered well. Kyle will nevertheless take the concern back to the committee.

According to the report, upon approval by council, Mr. Lantaigne will complete a site visit and meet with the committee at their next regular meeting on May 14.

With Lantaigne researching possibilities on its behalf, the committee plans to focus on Group of Seven paintings that were created in the Oxtongue Lake/Oxtongue River areas, several of which have been identified as being painted by A.Y. Jackson and A.J. Casson.

News in Brief

By Lisa Harrison

Council sets speed limit

Algonquin Highlands council authorized signage to post a 25 km/h speed limit on West Harvey Ave. in Dorset at its May 3 meeting and will table a by-law at its May 17 meeting to authorize the speed limit.

The decision was made following receipt of a letter from Deborah and Kelvin Johnson, owners of the Moose B&B Inn. Outgoing operations manager Brian Whetstone confirmed that the change is advisable.

The Johnsons wrote that they believe the safety of pedestrians has been in jeopardy as motorists pick up speed along the "presumed 50 limit" unsigned section between a 25 km/h zone and a 20 km/h zone, and that they have had many guests report close calls while walking into town.

Museum committee gets new members

Peter Hewitt and Laura Mount are the newest members of the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum committee following their appointments by council at its May 3 meeting. Hewitt and Mount will serve for the remaining term of council and until December 31, 2014 or until a new committee is struck.

The museum is scheduled to open for the 2012 season on June 30.



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Highlander arts

Studio Tour hits a quarter-century

Work of past and present artists on display

By Mark Arike

Artists from all around the Highlands ended up at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on May 5 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Haliburton County Studio Tour.

Not only did this party feature the young and old faces of the tour, but it also opened up the exhibit titled *Transitions* – a collection of works made by Studio Tour artists, some of whom have been part of the annual event since its inception.

"It's a treat to have this show here," said gallery curator Laurie Jones.

"This process [for the show] started months ago and there have been many individuals involved," she said.

Laura Trach, one of the Studio Tour artists, revealed a number of statistics in her speech.

"We have 127 people that have been on this tour, 83 of which are past members, 44 are current. There are 44 pieces in this show, 39 by current members, five by past members," said Trach.

When she announced the five artists who have stuck with the tour since its first year, the room filled with applause. Those artists include Rickie Woods, Barbara Joy Peel, Susan and Michael Butz, and Helen Newton. Trach gave honourable mentions to Charles O'Neill and Gary Chapman, for they were on the first tour but then decided to "take some time off."

The very first tour, held in 1988, was comprised of 33 artists.

"We try to make it an event – to put the best show possible on," said Trach, who is a fibre artist.

"We've come a long way in 25 years," said Woods, one of the original five. "Twenty-five years ago, we had to coerce participants to open their studios for the weekend



The original Studio Tour members, left to right: Helen Newton, Rickie Woods, Barbara Joy Peel, Susan and Michael Butz. Photo by Mark Arike.

and now we have artists and craftspeople who are actually moving to the county because of the tour."

"The very first tour was an exciting one for us, but it just got better after that," added Woods. "The first year, I had approximately 200 people through my studio. Then over the next several years, attendance doubled from the year before."

She explained that the tour received support from local businesses because it was held on a "shoulder weekend of a long weekend."

"By 1997, we were including Thanksgiving weekend as part of the tour," said Woods.

In an interview with *The Highlander*, Woods said that approximately 2,000 visitors went through artists studios on last year's tour.

This year's studio tour takes place on the weekends of September 29 and October 6. The *Transitions* exhibition is on display until June 17.



A piece of art by Shelia Ziman..

State of the Arts Ch-ch-ch-changes



By Victoria Ward

When change happens in life it can come fast, violently and be traumatizing. It can also creep along until one day you wake up and the world is a different place – as if you'd been hibernating. This happens to artists regularly because ideas have life spans and when they have run their course, you are forced

to change. Change in the studio usually begins when you continue on a project or theme past its due date. You are working away at something that was clicking a month ago and suddenly you can't seem to do anything right. It is because you are no longer able to convey your theme, idea or visual illumination easily. Suddenly you are fighting with your materials, subject matter, life partner and sometimes, friends. This grumpy period manifests itself in many ways, but mostly it takes a toll on you because if you don't find your way soon, you begin to allow self-doubt in. Self-doubt is like emotional cancer: it invades slowly and brutally until one day you decide to get a desk job.

Art isn't easy for anyone. It isn't supposed to be. Recently, I met an artist in his late sixties who had been making work for over 40 years. He had come to the gallery to check on his extremely brilliant work of electronica – sound, vision, digital photography all encapsulated in a ten-by-ten space illuminating the writings of French deconstructionist

philosopher Jaques Derrida. We discussed the energy and time it had taken to make this piece. The idea began in 1987 when he saw Derrida speak at the University of Toronto. Twenty-five years later the piece was mounted, after six months of intensive recording and compilation.

Wow. The only things I had worked on for that long were perhaps my friendships, Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past*, metabolizing wine and a stubborn pain in my right shoulder that comes from 50 hours a week painting and working at a computer. His key to the piece's success was not only the time he put into it, his expertise and the fact that he actually understood Derrida, but also that he allowed change to happen without killing his passion. In 1987, Adobe Photoshop was still an idea, so he waited for technology to change enough that such software would appear to help him manipulate his gorgeous imagery. Sound technology also caught up with him too.

For me, this was a lesson in discipline; something I greatly admire. Only with discipline do you learn humility and patience – cornerstones of making great work. Of course, there are the brash young things that get great right away but that doesn't happen to everyone. So, like Cezanne, Van Gogh and many other greats, working away diligently, intelligently and quietly can provide the right recipe for success.

If you have an instilled sense of discipline, you will be able to handle change much better than if you do not. I have made mistakes in the past with exhibitions and opportunities because I dealt with an inconvenient change in my work

badly. Just because you have an exhibition doesn't necessarily mean the output is better, faster or miraculous. In fact, it can have the opposite effect. You sometimes begin making disastrous stuff the minute you are on a deadline.

But if you are disciplined, you will be ready for these monumental bouts of transformation; one day your work is amazing, the next morning you want to throw it all on the bonfire (which is really tempting, living here). Discipline makes you rein in these feelings and learn from them. This didn't work, fine; I will rub it off and begin again. Or, this doesn't work anymore, fine, I will move on.

I think it comes down to the fact that you must decide if you are in this art thing for the long haul or not. I keep meeting artists in their sixties and seventies and I am always amazed at their depth of knowledge and enthusiasm. Whereas most of the working world is winding down at this age, these artists feel, to a certain extent, that they are just getting good at it. It's wonderfully hopeful and optimistic.

I have to keep these sages in mind when I am sitting on my stool, staring at my painting that I hate, wanting to quit and move back to Toronto to work at a Starbucks. Other than the fact that I am probably completely unemployable at this point, I just have to breathe, step back and remember what 19th century critic John Ruskin said, "Greater completion marks the progress of art, absolute completion usually its decline."

Jon Kamevaar's work, *Echo*, is now down, but make a mental note. You will see it at a major gallery in the future.

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A night with 'the man of 1,000 songs'

By George Farrell

On a beautiful Mother's Day evening, Ron Hynes, the legendary folk singer from Newfoundland, gave the sold-out crowd at the Wild Moose Pub exactly what they came for.

They came for stories in the form of song - and Hynes gave them that. They came for humorous banter - and Hynes delivered in spades.

Known as "the man of 1,000 songs", Hynes has the knack of creative storytelling. His lyrics tell of simple everyday events in the lives of common folk. There's nothing particularly remarkable about his voice, but like any good folk singer, Hynes gives the impression that he's lived his songs.

On the evening of Sunday, May 14 he was able to convey the spirit of the words to a receptive audience that wanted to relive the stories with him. A connection with the audience is a gift that all good entertainers have, but it's amazing that Hynes can still deliver the goods after more than 30 years on the road.

"Three quarters of the year I live in hotels," he said in a brief interview between sets. "Life can get stressful, but I love what I do."

"What it's about for me is the work," he said. "I get out of bed every day and go to work. I have a job. I'm a songwriter, and I try and do something every day. I don't do this for the fame or the money, but if you stay true to the work, everything else will come."

And come it has for Hynes, though not always easily. "Lyrics come easy," he said "and I can maybe write lyrics for a song in 10 minutes, but melody does not come easily and it could take 10 weeks, because I don't want it to become generic."

"For me, it's important that people get touched by the songs. I want to impart something they can take away and remember."

Hynes talked a bit about the state of folk music today and its impact on young people.

"The truth and humanity of folk music will never die, and it will touch everybody," he said.

"All music becomes folk music as it passes into the public domain. The young will eventually love folk music, it's inescapable."

Hynes has family spread across the country, from St. John's to Vancouver Island, and on Monday, the day after his gig at the Wild Moose Pub, he was off back to St. John's to spend a belated Mother's Day with his mom.



Ron Hynes delivered the goods to a sold-out crowd at the Wild Moose Pub on Mother's Day. Photo by George Farrell.

Hal High on the silver screen

By Douglas Pugh

Following the recent successes of the animation workshops held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the participants recently held a short film show during lunch hour at the school.

Assisted by Tammy Rea of Highlands Media Arts, the tutor for the six-week project, the program produced not only the recent films nominated for awards in Toronto, but a range of nine different animated movies. Funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School



Some of the film makers get a bit of the spotlight. Front, left to right: Brooke Sawyer, Maggie Scheffie and Sam Tyler. Back, left to right: Beth Little and Beth Waugh.

Board's Program Enhancement Fund, the workshops have taken movies from concepts, through building storyboards and finally into the painstaking process of frame by frame assembly.

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Highlander arts

Scotty Gartshore releases second album

Minden country artist appreciates community support

By George Farrell

Scotty Gartshore is a traditional country singer and he's just released his second CD titled *Black Freightliner*.

"A Freightliner is a big truck," explained Gartshore, "and the title song is about a lifelong friend of mine, Perry Kimble." The 15-song CD is a mix of many covers, with two original songs. One of them, *She Looks A Lot Like You*, was written by well-known song writer Bob McQuaid.

"He approached me and asked me to record one of his songs," said Gartshore. "It was quite an honour."

Before *Black Freightliner*, Gartshore released his first CD, *Long Wait*, in 2010. That title referred to the long wait for that album to materialize.

"I've been singing as long as I can remember," revealed Gartshore, who's worked for Haliburton County's roads department for over seven years. At 52, Gartshore is a father of two children – Gavin and Natasha

– and a grandfather of four.

"Music has been in the family my whole life," he said. "My older brother Murray put out country records in the '70s and he's still recording. The music came from my mom's side of the family and I started playing guitar when I was 16."

A born and bred local, Gartshore started playing in bands when he was 18 – in the same year he won an Ontario talent contest and went to Wheeling West Virginia to sing on a smaller version of the Grand Ole Opry.

"After that I had calls to play all over the place but I got out of music for some time," he revealed. "Later, I was trying to work and raise a family and then we moved away to Oshawa where I was hauling GM cars. When we came back and built a home in '86, I started playing locally again with friends. Then in 2010, my son, who had a band, came to me and said that his frontman couldn't make it and asked if I could help him out."

Scotty enjoyed that experience, which led to him and his wife Marion travelling to country shows around the province.

"I got up and sang at open mic events,"

said Gartshore. "My friends encouraged me and one day Jim McIlmoyle, a recording engineer, heard me sing and asked me if I would record a CD for him. 'That voice should be recorded,' he told me. His wife is Ginny and people will know of her from her song *Highway of Heroes*."

Long Wait sold very well – I just expected to sell to family and friends, but sales exceeded that and it got airplay with the smaller local stations that play traditional country."

Black Freightliner features some heavy duty talent, including Tim Sanders as producer and lead/rhythm guitarist, Andy Schick on steel guitar and dobro and Tom Hall on drums. Gartshore's son Gavin, a multi-instrumentalist, sings background vocals and also sings a duet on a song called *Murder on Music Row*.

"That song [Murder on Music Row] is about the death of traditional country music," said Gartshore. "But traditional country music is not really dead; it's coming back stronger than ever. There are more jamborees than ever before and people want to hear the old style country music."

That fact bodes well for sales of *Black Freightliner*.

Gartshore, who is booked solid at country jamborees on weekends from May 24 through to Thanksgiving, is very pleased with the support he gets locally from Canoe FM and the Stedmans V&S in Minden, where his new album can be purchased. You can also get a copy by emailing him at mgartshore@sympatico.ca or phoning 705-286-3865.



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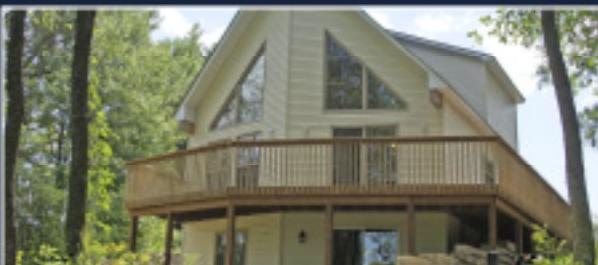
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Highlander people

Diana Trull finds happiness in Pikangikum

Long-time cottager teaches in isolated native community

By Erin Lynch

Last fall, Diana Trull began her first teaching job in Pikangikum, a remote fly-in native community in northern Ontario. Through this experience she continues to become aware of the issues that First Nations people living in the community face.

Growing up in Hamilton, she spent her summers as a cottager on Lake Kashagawigamog. In fact, in the 1950s her grandparents built one of the first cottages when the lake only had a sprinkling of summer residences along the shoreline. Diana attended McMaster University, receiving a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a minor in indigenous studies. She then went on to receive her teaching certificate from Nipissing University in North Bay.

Last year after graduation, Diana, an outdoor adventurist, travelled to the Yukon to paddle for the spring and summer. She knew she wanted to teach on a reserve in the north. Pikangikum just happened to be the only community conducting interviews prior to her trip. She did the interview and while on her paddling adventure she found out she had got the job.

"I love the North and wanted to live on the lake. I can paddle here and there are vast forests to hike in," says Diana from her classroom in Pikangikum.

However, Pikangikum is no cottage town. The isolated community located in the North West of the province has a population of 2,400. The employment rate is around 85 percent and it has been said that 90 percent of the homes are without indoor plumbing.

Pikangikum is thought to have the highest suicide rate in the world. This past year, news headlines focused briefly on Attawapiskat, another remote native community. Stories exposed the lack of adequate housing and

deplorable conditions that many First Nation people live in. People that live, work or visit these isolated native communities know this plight is far more common than most Canadians are aware.

Prior to accepting the job in Pikangikum, Diana was conscious of the negative reality of life in the community: the violence, suicides and substance abuse. The high school art teacher asserts that her experience has been very positive. She continues to learn a lot about the culture, politics and conditions of the community.

Diana says she continues to be surprised by the light-heartedness and compassion of her students, often exceeding her expectations.

"There are the obvious issues that my students face like depression and sorrow. But I have found that many of my students have helped me get through some of my own struggles that go with living here," says Diana.

For Diana and for many that call Pikangikum home, isolation is a big challenge. The community sports one main store with a few variety stores operating out of people's homes. Travelling in and out of the area is laborious. Year-round you can fly in to the dusty airstrip located on the outskirts of town. In winter there is an ice road. In summer you can boat an hour and then drive a treacherous two-and-a-half hours along a badly maintained road with high cliffs, no guard rails and roadside memorials that dot the journey to Red Lake, a mining town located 100 kilometres to the South.

"The hardest part of my job is forming relationships with my students and seeing what they struggle with in their home lives. They tell me a lot of personal things and it can be hard to deal with. I realize there isn't much I can do but be supportive," says



Diana Trull teaches High School Art in Pikangikum, an isolated fly-in native community 100 km north of Red Lake, Ontario.

Diana, who created a graffiti club for her high school students.

"One of the first things I was struck with in the community was all the graffiti, but it was not very developed," says Diana. "If they are going to do it, they might as well learn how to do it well," says the teacher who is hoping to be able to use an abandoned trailer from a rig as a space to create a graffiti wall.

Teaching high school art and media studies, Diana says she tries to convey that painting and art can be a very relaxing and therapeutic experience, offering an escape from reality.

"I want them to create work they are proud of," says Diana.

Next year, the young teacher will be starting an Outdoors Education Program, something that previously never existed. The course which she has been developing will involve

elders and other community members. Trapping, fishing, snowshoeing and paddling will all be a part of the program, allowing students to develop a breadth of leadership skills. The course will end in a two-week canoe trip. Her enthusiasm and passion for the outdoors, art and her students has made her a popular teacher with students and school administration.

Although Diana now calls the Highlands her home base – as her parents have made Haliburton Lake their permanent home – she feels that Pikangikum is playing an important part in her life right now.

"I was gone for a week taking a wilderness training course. I missed my students. I felt home sick. I realize Pikangikum is the place where I'm meant to be right now."

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Volunteer receives June Callwood award

Paul Irwin calls for more hospice care volunteers

By Lisa Harrison

Paul Irwin's life training has provided invaluable support to hospice palliative care patients in Haliburton County and on April 29 he won the prestigious June Callwood award for that support.

Irwin and 37 other Ontario hospice palliative care volunteers entered The June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers at the 18th Annual June Callwood Award Ceremony in Toronto during the Hospice Palliative Care Ontario annual conference.

The late Callwood was a journalist, author and activist who was known as "Canada's Conscience."

An Algonquin Highlands resident, Irwin was nominated by SIRCH (Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton) for his hospice work with patients in the last stages of palliative care. He joined the program when he moved to Haliburton County in 2005.

"It's lovely to have that nomination – it's a vote of trust, really," said Irwin. Although he's never put a degree on a wall, "I'm not underestimating how touched I was to receive it."

The June Callwood Award was established by the Hospice Association of Ontario in 1994 in honour of the late June Callwood, a community activist, author, Order of Canada recipient and long-time hospice advocate. Callwood received the award in 1995 and since then, more than 448 volunteers have been inducted into the Circle.

SIRCH's nomination for Irwin read in part, "He came to us with an abundance of experience and is always willing to share his skills as well as his willingness to learn more. Paul has given his client[s] exceptional support over the years."

"Death can be a lonely affair and a hospice visitor is in a special place," said Irwin, adding that the hospice worker provides a sounding board for clients who are reviewing their lives and is able to listen to some of their deepest feelings and fears.

A retired United Church of Canada minister, Irwin spent six years as a hospital chaplain for St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and Lakeridge Health Oshawa before his "retirement" to the Highlands and immediate launch into volunteering with SIRCH.

Irwin joined SIRCH for two reasons: to serve as a teacher for volunteers – he provides the spirituality segment of SIRCH's volunteer training – and to be one of those volunteers. He supports one or two clients in some stage of the palliative process at any given time.

The hospice worker moves alongside the family providing whatever support system they can, including practical support such as buying groceries. Irwin spent two-and-a-half years simply walking with one client who used a walker. "He was glad to see me to give his wife a break," said Irwin.

Irwin looks forward to a new bereavement support program that SIRCH is planning. He said bereavement



Paul Irwin, a winner of The June Callwood Circle of Outstanding Volunteers award for 2012, at the SIRCH offices in Haliburton. Irwin is a hospice palliative care volunteer for the organization and was nominated for the award by SIRCH. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

groups provide continued support for families following their loved one's death, giving them an opportunity to talk with others who are at various stages in the grieving process and socialize over pot lucks and other activities, even make new friends.

Whether as a hospice palliative care volunteer or a bereavement support volunteer, Irwin encourages others to consider "enriching their life as a hospice volunteer" with SIRCH. In particular, he would like to see more men volunteer because of their comfort level with talking to other males.

"The encouragement is that it be a special, spiritual relationship that is struck up between the client and the hospice worker," said Irwin.

SIRCH provides training for volunteers as well as continual peer support that "keeps us as strong and objective as we can be," said Irwin.

As the SIRCH nomination for Irwin summarized, "Paul is... a very soulful man, always willing to help people look deep into their hearts to appreciate their spirit and to acknowledge that hospice work in any form is spiritual work."



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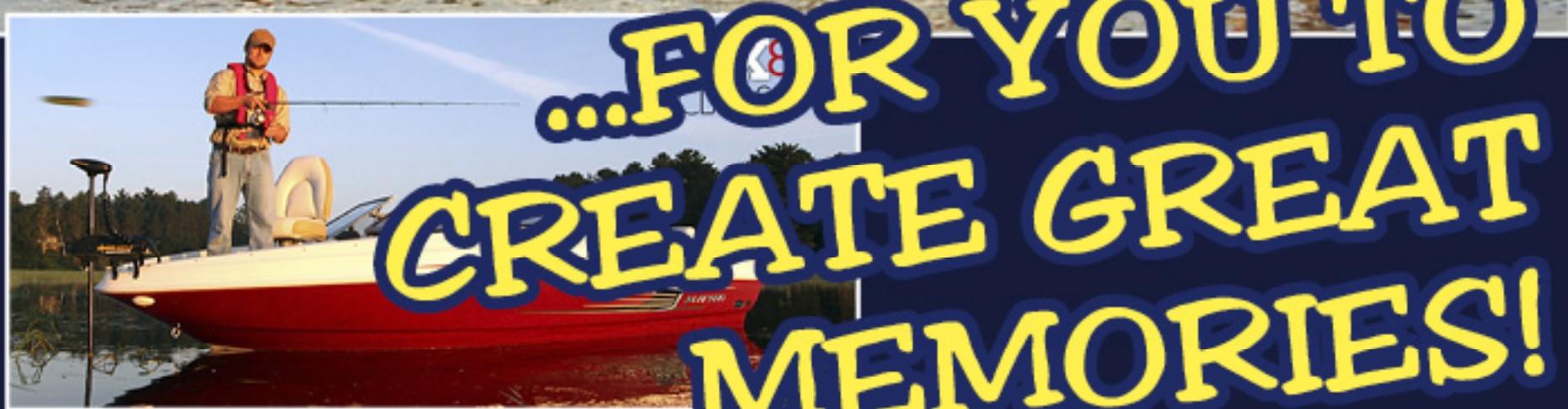
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Welcome Back to the Highlands

Tips on opening up the cottage

By George Farrell

Opening up the cottage for the summer represents some work for cottagers and there's more to do than making sure that there's a good supply of beer in the fridge. Depending on the weather (and the bugs), it's advisable to give the place a good airing out to get rid of stale air, dust and mildew. If your cottage is dank and it's raining outside, you might want to turn on the furnace or stove or light the fire to dry the air, furniture and bedding which might have absorbed some moisture.

Checking on the operations of all fire alarms is a good thing to do and replacing batteries is wise.

Be sure to check that all chimneys are free of obstructions such as squirrels' nests before lighting fires or stoves. For those cottages on propane or fuel oil, it's imperative to check all lines, tanks and connections for leaks. It's a good idea to get your furnace or stove checked yearly by a registered heating contractor. If you use propane, make sure that the cottage is well ventilated before turning on the stove. If you smell propane or have any doubts, turn off the flow at the tank and call your local propane supplier to get a certified full system check-up.

During the drying/airing process, the plumbing can be looked after. It's always advisable when closing the cottage for the season to drain the plumbing

system of all water. That includes the pipes and toilets. Reversing the process is easy enough, but make sure that you check all pipes for possible leaks. Let the water run for awhile to get rid of rust and other residue in the pipes. Make sure that the hot water tank is full before you turn it on. Cottage opening is also the ideal time to have your water analyzed for any impurities.

Next up is the electrical system. Make sure that all systems are in working order and check junction boxes and behind the electric panels where mice could have made a nest or chewed away at wiring. If you have wiring under the cottage check that area too; porcupines are notorious for chewing on the casing that protects wires. Make sure that the water source pumps are primed and drawing well, and that they aren't leaking. Maintaining the pump and clearing the intake pipes on a regular basis will insure peak operation.

Fridges are very often musty after not being in use, and hopefully you unplugged the fridge and left the door ajar when you closed the cottage. If not, any stale food will have to be discarded and the fridge will have to be disinfected inside. While you're at it, you might also want to disinfect cupboards and shelves.

Check that you have a good supply of oil, lamps and wicks, candles, flashlights and batteries – all

necessary items during blackouts.

A check of the ceilings and walls for any signs of flaking paint due to dampness is a good idea, and go outside to see if there are any spaces where vermin might have gnawed their way into the building. Sealing off all access to animals is a must in order to insure your insulation stays intact and remains effective. If you have a basement, check it for water leakage and air it out too. It's also a good idea if you have an enclosed area under the cottage to open it up for drying purposes.

If you have a boathouse, doing a thorough check is a must. Look for any signs of undue dampness, bird and squirrel nests and gnawing by rodents. Boats and motors of should be checked out in advance of launching.

Life jackets should be gone over thoroughly, old ones thrown out and new ones purchased if necessary. Have the kids outgrown theirs? Motors and gas containers should be checked to insure that no oil or gas leaks into our lakes and rivers. Some people with older wooden boats submerge them for a couple of days to swell the wood and seal cracks. Some caulking and painting might also be necessary.

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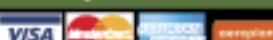
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There's always a clean-up of downed branches, twigs and sundry before its time to cut the grass. Speaking of grass, the whipper snipper and lawnmower need their annual check-up and cleaning before they're fully operational. Empty out any old gas and replace it with new fuel and check that the spark plugs are still good.

Make sure that all first-aid kits are complete with all the necessities, and make sure to stock up on things like bug sprays and sun tan lotion. It's always good to make a list of emergency phone numbers. Put the list in an easy-to-find-place like on the fridge door.

It seems like work at the cottage is never finished, but if you make yourself a list, spread the jobs over a period of time and give family members their own areas of responsibility, things become more manageable.

One last thing: you might want to check that you have reasonable insurance on your cottage in time for the season.

Above all, when all the immediate chores are done, relax and take it easy. You're at the cottage for a good time, remember?

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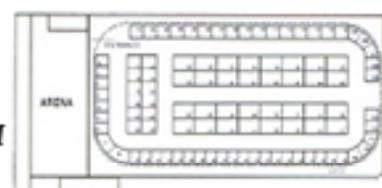
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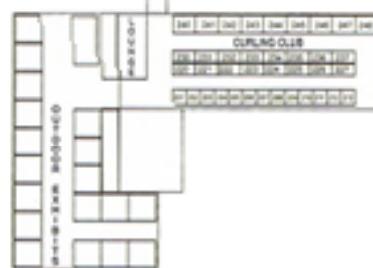
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Do It Yourself: Sprucing up your property

By George Farrell

Sprucing up the property around your cottage can be an enjoyable experience and the results are satisfying to you and the family. And once a lot has been spruced up, it enhances the value of the property should you decide to sell your cottage.

To a real estate agent and to potential buyers, first impressions are important, as they are to most first time visitors. Here are some tips on things you can do yourself to improve the look of your property around the cottage.

First, sit down with a pencil and a sheet of paper and make a simple landscaping plan of what's to go, what's to be kept and what might need to be added. Once you have your plan, the next step is to do a general cleanup of your property. You can do this with simple tools like a shovel, rake, and wheelbarrow.

There may be old tires and metal lying around, so before you take it to the dump, get in touch with your municipal office to determine what you can take and when you can take it.

Your plan will show what trees or shrubs you're going to keep. All the rest will have to be taken down and discarded. If you decide to burn timber and leaves, make sure you adhere to the burning guidelines for your area. A call to the Ministry of Natural Resources can determine what those

guidelines are.

After you've cleaned up the lot, you might want to either remove some topsoil in order to expose rock or import topsoil if you want enough depth of soil to make gardens. Depending on the amount of soil required, you'll need your wheelbarrow, pick-up, or a delivery from a contractor. Putting out signs to advertise for clean fill is one way of eventually obtaining soil, or you might be able get some from other parts of your own property. Small bags of soil can also be purchased from garden centres and the gardening sections of food stores.

If you've cleared away topsoil, it's easy enough to dispose of on other parts of your lot that might need it. Once the rock has been exposed it can be hosed down to reveal the colours and textures. The exposed rock will also reveal crevices within, which you can plant a variety of native and/or purchased rock plants and mosses. Make sure you purchase plants that can grow in Region 4 (the Haliburton Highlands).

You can either use smaller rock plants that prefer a dry soil or you can use your rock garden to display larger flowering plants and shrubs, with deeper root systems. Your local garden centre can supply you with both, but look around your lot to see whether there are any rock plants and mosses that you can transplant to your garden.

If you have a particularly rocky lot without much soil, you might want to construct elevated flower beds. The beds are easy to make. By constructing bowers made from pressure treated wood and lining them with plastic you can grow flowers, shrubs and vegetables. Make sure that the plastic is perforated on the bottom for drainage. Some people also like to put in a layer of gravel before they add the soil.

Your landscaping might also require some additional grass seed to pull the look of your new look lot into a cohesive whole. If you seed in the spring, you should have a verdant growth by the fall. Of course, the constant cutting of grass and weeding of flower beds is a given.

One of the big questions nowadays is whether to go with the natural look or a more structured manicured appearance. Many people go for a compromise. The use of native flowers, shrubs and trees is growing in popularity, as is leaving a natural buffer zone between the water and the grass areas.

A natural buffer zone, which features native plants, serves many purposes. A buffer can absorb and prevent the water, which drains too easily off grass and can contain chemicals and pesticides, from

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going directly into the lake. A buffer also helps to slow down shoreline erosion. A buffer can contain all sorts of grasses and flowering plants that attract a variety of butterflies and birds and provide a hiding place for frogs.

Some people like to create small pools for aquatic plants. Pools with plastic liners are now readily available. Pools are ideal for sprucing up a property while also attracting a variety of wildlife - such as frogs and dragonflies. Pools are the ideal small project that you can construct yourself or share with the family.

Outbuildings are one way of enhancing the look of the property surrounding your cottage. Spend some time determining what you need: a garage, bunkie, or tool shed and see if they can be stained or painted to complement one another for a more cohesive look. Garages and bunkies require some construction of course and you might need some help, but tool sheds can be purchased in kit form and you can put them together. Make sure you have all the required building permits before you start construction.

Driveways are another area that when spruced up can do wonders for the look of your property. Make sure the edges are trimmed and that the surface is free of larger boulders and pot holes. If you want to resurface, there are many options, ranging from paving to an assortment of gravels.

At the end of your driveway you might have a mailbox, a name plate and a lot number. Make sure that all identifying markers are upright, easily accessible and well maintained. It's the first thing that everyone sees when they approach your property.

Fences are another area where a bit of fixing and/or a dab of paint can do wonders for the look of the property around your cottage. A well-kept fence can nicely delineate your lot from the surrounding vegetation and from your neighbour's property.

Other structures you might want to consider relate to the shoreline. These include docks, breakwaters and boathouses.

When dealing with any new structures on the shoreline, or if you change the shoreline at all, you should be aware of just what you can legally do. Municipal, provincial and federal governments all have their own set of regulations and each will have to be contacted before any work on altering the shoreline begins.

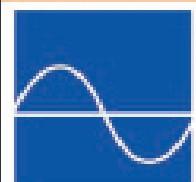
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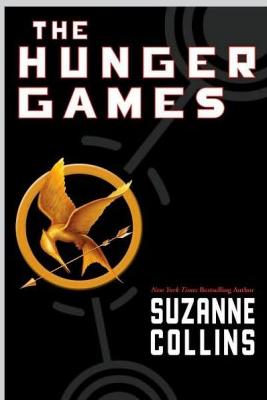
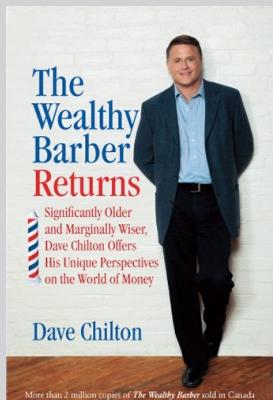
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Highlander technology

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library this week.



HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
3. *The Witness* by Nora Roberts
4. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
5. *Mennonites Don't Dance* by Darcie Hossack

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A.J. Jacobs
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
3. *Wishes Fulfilled: Mastering the Art of Manifesting* by Wayne Dyer
4. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
5. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Mellissa Fung

The top title on HCPL's non-fiction list is Drop Dead Healthy: One Man's Humble Quest For Bodily Perfection by A.J. Jacobs. You may remember Jacobs from his earlier book A Year of Living Biblically, where he chronicled the year he spent trying to follow the rules in the bible as literally as possible. In Drop Dead Healthy, Jacobs chronicles his attempt at another year-long quest to radically improve every element of his body and mind – from his brain to his fingertips to his abs. His aim is to become the healthiest man on earth and in doing so he forces readers to test our cultural assumptions and obsessions about what makes us healthy. If you are interested to read whether his goal is possible, reserve Drop Dead Healthy at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

The Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library continues to offer business workshops through Contact North, Ontario's Distance Education and Training Network. The workshops will run every Wednesday. Refer to our website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca for a full list of topics and times.

The Computer Guy Taking care of pictures

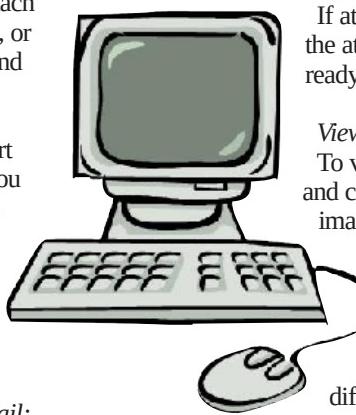
By David Spaxman

In my travels through the Highlands, I get asked a lot about sending and receiving pictures by email. Here are step-by-step instructions on how to do it with two commonly used email programs.

To attach pictures to Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express follow these steps:

1. Open Microsoft Outlook/Outlook Express.
2. Reply to an existing email or compose a new email by clicking on the New icon in the top left portion of the window.
3. In the email, click on the Insert file or Attach File icon that looks like a small paperclip, or click on Insert at the top of the window and choose file.
4. Browse to the location that contains your image and double-click the image to insert it. If the picture is big it may ask you if you want to resize it. This is recommended as some pictures taken with digital cameras can have huge file sizes and don't send well through email.

If successfully attached, you should see an icon of the attachment in your email.



Viewing pictures in a Microsoft Hotmail email:
To view the pictures in the email, open the email and click the view or download link to view the image. Also, for many commonly known images, it may already be shown in the email without having to open it.

Hope this helps everyone in sending and receiving pictures in email. If you have a different email program and want to know how to attach pictures or receive attachments, or if you have any other questions email me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca and I'll do my best answer them.
Happy safe computing!

Viewing pictures in a Microsoft Outlook email:

Keep in mind that not all emails will have attached pictures in them. You can determine if an email has an attachment by looking for a paperclip icon in the listing of emails you have. However, some messages are also sent in HTML format, which means images can be included without being attachments.



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Making Highlands gardens bloom

Season begins for new horticultural society president Liz Case

By George Farrell

The May long weekend is traditionally the start of the gardening season, and someone who is likely expecting a busy summer is Liz Case, the new president of the Minden and District Horticultural Society.

Case was elected at the organization's November 2011 AGM and took over from past president Rose Lea Paliwoda in January of this year.

In Liz Case, the Highlands' horticulturists are getting a woman with a Master Gardener's certificate, and a history and passion for growing. They're also getting a president who will use modern media methods to communicate to members, who now number 100. She'll also use technology as a means of informing the community just what it is that the Horticultural Society does.

"Both Nick and I grew up in England and both our parents were avid gardeners," Case said. "We both grew up with homegrown veggies."

Case and her husband Nick, a retired merchant navy captain, started coming to cottage on White Lake, near Kinmount, in 1995. They moved up to the cottage permanently in '98 and then moved again, in 2000, to Gallway Road.

"We were looking for a place to grow our own produce and that's why we moved," Case said.

At the new location, the couple created the Nightingale Certified Organic Farm. It opened for business in 2001.

Previously the Cases helped start the Kawartha Organic Market, a co-op near Cameron, but after a couple of years the driving proved too much, so in 2002 they became involved instead with the Farmers' Market in Minden.

When the Minden market closed due to lack of vendors, Liz Case started the Kinmount Farmers' Market in 2003 with four or five others. Case sold organic beets, beans, carrots, peas, rhubarb, squash and herbs. She also sold preserves, which were essential because in the spring time, when the Kinmount market opened, home-grown veggies were practically non-existent.

"Then we built a greenhouse, which gave our seedlings a head start," said Case.

"We had our own little grow-op," said Nick Case, laughing.

As well as specializing in organics, the Cases also got into biodynamic growing. "It's a bit wacky," Liz said.

"It's astrology linked with farming," offered Nick. "It's working with the stars and the moon."

Wacky maybe, but it seems to have worked for the Cases, so much so that eventually running Nightingale proved too much for the couple. They sold the business in 2010 and moved to their present location, a farm on Cantau Lake Road, near Gooderham, where they're totally off the grid.

"We're operating strictly on solar and we use a propane generator for backup," Liz explained. "This winter at one time we went nearly six weeks without using the generator. We're very self sufficient." They're still growing veggies of course, but now it's more for themselves.

Liz joined the Minden and District Horticultural Society in 2003, and in 2006 she became a member of the executive. Since moving to Gooderham she's had more time to become involved, and the position of president subsequently became doable.

As president, Liz has a mixed bag of duties. She'll oversee various sub-committees, which look after such events as the Village on the Green plant sale in Minden on May 26 and the Flower Show at the Minden Community Centre on August 3-4. She'll also oversee the committees that handle the community gardens planting, which includes the flower barrels around Minden, beds around the cenotaph, the bridge



Liz Case works in her garden near Gooderham. Submitted.

and the Riverwalk.

She'll also look after securing guest speakers for the horticultural meetings, where she says, "everyone is welcome".

As president, Case will oversee the society's involvement with Archie Stouffer Grade 3 students who look after the Three Sisters Garden at the Minden Museum; and Case will also organize logistics for members when they travel to horticultural meetings outside the county.

Case sees one of her biggest challenges as one of communication.

"I want to communicate better with the members by sending the newsletter and bulletin board electronically for those with computers. I want to make the meetings more fun and

interesting," she said.

"Members can go online to look at our minutes, but we also send hard copies for those who don't have computers," said Case. "I'm trying to shorten the length of time at our meetings which is devoted to business. That will give us more time for the hands-on aspect of workshops," she said.

The Minden and District Horticultural Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from March to November, at the Minden Community Centre. In March and April, the meetings are held at 1pm and from May to November they're at 7pm. Yearly membership fees are \$10 for individuals and \$18 per couple. Children can join for \$1.

For more information, go to www.gardenontario.org/site.php/minden or call Liz Case at 705-447-0151.

Highlander business



Staff and family members at Friday's open house, left to right: Val Peters, Dale Walker, Ed Tustin, Jen Mahar-Welch, Scott Neilson, Henry Neilson, Laura Neilson and Jerry Walker. Photo by Douglas Pugh.

A sizzling 30th anniversary

By Douglas Pugh

Walker's Heating and Cooling Systems celebrated thirty years in the heating and ducting business on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 with a barbecue for customers and the general public. The two-day event also included raffles for draw prizes, such as a new furnace.

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Kinmount LCBO celebrates 50 years



Submitted by Chris Layton

Staff at the LCBO in Kinmount celebrated the store's 50th year of serving customers on Friday, May 4. Left to right: Store manager Joanne Lemieux and customer service representatives Tina Gilligan and Lee Ann Hobson.

Brainstorm with the HCDC

Submitted by Jim Blake

- The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is looking for ideas that will contribute to economic development in Haliburton County.
- On Tuesday, May 29 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, the HCDC is hosting *A Day of Ideas* to explore a number of opportunities.
- The topics will include:
- Creative financing – Is there an angel in your future?
- New technology – Bringing the world into our homes

Providing for our seniors – Business and housing solutions

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The forum will also include an update on the rollout of broadband services in Haliburton County and the hot off the press highlights of the 2012 Report on the Financial Sustainability of Local Governments in Eastern Ontario.

The ideas forum runs from 9 am – 4 pm. There is a fee of \$20, which includes lunch.

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Highlander OPP

OPP charge man with impaired driving

Submitted by OPP

Around midnight on May 11, Haliburton Highlands OPP charged a 28-year-old Ancaster man for impaired driving on Hwy 35, just south of Minden.

Robert Randles was also charged with drive over 80 mgs and for an open container of liquor. Randles is to appear at the Minden courthouse on Wednesday, July 4 to deal with the charges.

Watch for nuisance bears

Submitted by OPP

With the recent changes to the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) Bear Wise program, residents have been asking Haliburton Highlands OPP questions about nuisance bears.

Citizens are reminded that incidents involving bears and humans are primarily the responsibility of the MNR.

The MNR continues to operate a toll-free bear reporting hotline – 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April to November. Trained MNR staff answer the phone calls and will determine the appropriate response.

The OPP will respond to emergency calls about any wild animal if there is an immediate threat to public safety. The OPP can be reached at 1-888-310-1122.

The toll-free bear reporting hotline is 1-866-514-2327.

Dishing the dirt on prescription drug

By Mark Arike

Prescription drugs such as oxycodone can be just as addictive as any illegal substance available on the streets.

That's why Haliburton County's Opioid Misuse Abuse and Reduction Committee (OMARC) is hosting two free awareness events on Wednesday, May 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

The day will start at 1 pm with an information workshop for service providers entitled All About Oxy... and Other Prescription Opioids. Presentations will come from a methadone prescribing physician, an OPP drug enforcement officer, an addictions counsellor and others.

The public is encouraged to attend the 6 pm screening of Prescription for Addiction, a compelling documentary about addiction and prescription opioid pain drugs. A discussion and question and answer session will follow with the afternoon presenters. A free dinner, which will include pizza and a drink, will be served in the foyer outside of the theatre.

The OMARC committee is a subcommittee of Haliburton County's Human Services and Justice Co-ordinating Committee. The committee was formed to help develop local solutions to local problems through more effective service coordination and design.

For more information on this event, please contact Sandy Adams at 705-286-1431.



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Highlander community

Conservation one tree at a time

Local business partners with stewardship council for workshop

By Douglas Pugh

It's easy to take the lakes and forests in the Haliburton Highlands for granted. After all, they surround many of us each and every day.

But on May 5, in the grounds of sponsoring company Patient News, a well-attended workshop revealed just how important those trees in our backyard are.

The event's main presenter, Peter McElwain of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC), provided details of the various ways the forests were stripped out for a succession of industries, leaving low grade trees behind. He also discussed the perils of shoreline clearance, and using the landscape and planting to deter geese from leaving behind a mess of their own.

The core of the subject, though, was planting trees and shrubs. "This is a great turnout," said Valerie Coleman, one of the organizers and intern with the HHSC. "It's very heartwarming to see such a great response."

As a part of Patient News' Betterment Initiative and drive for greater ecological awareness (the company is committed to sustainable practices and uses 100% Forest Stewardship Council



accredited paper in its products), they covered some of the program cost in Haliburton and provided the staging area for the workshop.

Further assistance was provided by The Beer Store, which stored the saplings collected at low temperatures to delay budding until they were collected.

McElwain went on to plant a tree as well as some shoreline shrubs in a hands-on demonstration. He also fielded questions from onlookers.

Refreshments and a wide variety of advisory brochures were available to those in attendance.



Above: Patient News representatives give a speech after receiving a memento from the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. Left to right: Peter McElwain (HHSC), Tracey Teel (HHSC), Caroline Collins and Andrea Black (Patient News). Left: Peter McElwain describes some of the finer features of tree planting and the tree's physiology.

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Highlander community



A participant in the Auxiliary's bowl-a-thon.

Bowling for health care

By Mark Arike

Thirty-six bowlers helped raise \$2,100 for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary on May 10 at Carnarvon Bowl. The funds from the bowl-a-thon will be used to buy equipment for Minden's hospital and long-term care department.

The auxiliary's next big fundraiser is the Evening in Paris gala which takes place on November 17.

Give a gift from the heart

Proceeds from gift catalogue go to support local residents

Submitted by Lesley English

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be 75 years old and have no running water? To turn your hydro off when you leave the house because every cent counts? To bundle up your child and to hitchhike to town when it's below zero because you don't have a car and there's no public transportation? To watch as your child puts water on his cereal because you can't even afford to buy milk?

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Above left: The visiting family of MP Barry Devolin cut the cake. Left to Right: George Devolin, Judith Tripp, OEYC Executive Director; Ursula Beachli and Molly Devolin. Above right: Drum maestro and artisan, John Proctor, leads an intense drumming session.



Early years centre celebrates 10 anniversary

By Douglas Pugh

The Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) celebrated its 10th anniversary on April 28 by throwing a series of parties at many of its branches around the province, including the very successful ones in Minden, Wilberforce and Haliburton.

At the Haliburton branch the services of drumming maestro and maker, John Proctor, were called in, leading the children (and some parents) in a drumming session before the Devolin family cut the celebratory cake.

Charity barbecue raises money for Food for Kids

Submitted by Gail Stelter

A recent charity barbecue hosted by Sears Haliburton raised \$600 for Food for Kids, Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program. Martin Russell sponsored the event and gave away a barbecue, which went to Sharona Yake.



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Highlander health

Visible Voices – Through the Looking Glass

Exploring depression with seniors through art making

Submitted by Fay Wilkinson

"There is no health without mental health," said Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

We are well over halfway through part one of the *Visible Voices – Through the Looking Glass Program*, exploring depression with seniors through art making. The program is funded through the Bell Mental Health Initiative, which is a multi-year charitable program that promotes mental health across Canada via Bell's *Let's Talk* anti-stigma campaign.

Reflections from Janine Burk

Most weeks, Fay, with participants' permission, will share stories and pictures of the art making she is able to encourage our residents to create. These little glimpses into her journey with our residents leaves me wanting to hear more; they pep me up so to speak, fill my soul, encourage me, make me smile and even shed a few tears.

Many of the residents were quite nervous when agreeing to participate in this program. Several reoccurring comments from the residents were, "I'm not an artist, I'm not creative, I can't paint."

Well that's just it – it is art making – you don't have to be an artist and let me tell you they are creative, each one of them. The residents are being encouraged to create and communicate their thoughts and feelings in a safe, supportive

and playful space through art making. Art making can be anything from a poem, a sentence where they use one word to focus on and create a picture, collage, molding objects, to telling stories from images or painting while music is playing, using the rhythm to guide the brush strokes.

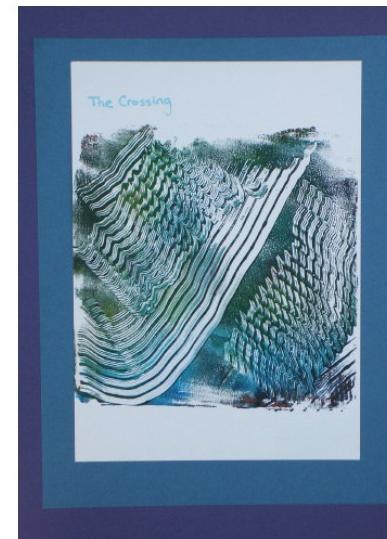
This program is meeting the residents where they are at and is adapting to their needs. It is helping to raise self-esteem and confidence. The participants have the ability to control what they want to do and how they want to express themselves, all of which promotes an increased sense of dignity, quality of life and a better overall feeling of well-being.

Janine is the program manager for Highland Wood and Hyland Crest.

Reflections from Fay Wilkinson

It is an honour and a pleasure to be working one-on-one with the residents of Highland Wood and Hyland Crest. I continue to learn more about depression and its many layers, each layer containing shades of colour and depth of complexity.

Mental wellness is familiar to me on a personal and family level. Depression is a word that is commonly used in conversation, but seems to be understood in different ways, even amongst eminent researchers. This makes perfect sense to me given the degrees of the symptoms and the challenge of what to do about them. We are all still learning. We are very



fortunate here in the Highlands to have support and resources, for example Point In Time, mental health services and our doctors.

Doctors in parts of the UK can prescribe art making along with – and sometimes instead of – medication. Open art studios have been set up where people take their prescriptions and create art as often as they want to. There is recognition of the power of the creative process as a contributing factor to mental wellness.

It is a privilege to witness the many stories and truly remarkable and honest art making. I am delighting in the excitement of participants' discoveries of their creativity and potential. I am not trying to fix anything, simply providing opportunities for expression in a safe space.

There have also been sad times; for example, when a resident died. A program participant and I took our sadness into art making. She created an acrylic monoprint she titled *The Crossing*. Together, we laughed and we cried and we laughed again. From the words we came up with to describe our friend, a poem was created to honour her and to share with the family.

This is truly 'making meaning' for the participant and me. It feels like this program is making a difference.

Fay is a registered expressive arts practitioner.

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Highlander environment

Introducing the Highlands' Enviro-Heroes

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Over the next several weeks, *The Highlander* will shine a spotlight on some of our community's environmental heroes.

Every year, the Haliburton Highlands Last Trust recognizes the County's Enviro-Heroes at its Wild About Nature dinner and silent auction. Winners in each of six categories will be announced at this year's event on Saturday, June 16 at the Haliburton Legion.

There are six nomination categories:

Health: a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles;

Stewardship: a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources;

Education: a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth or adults;

Business: a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment;

The Arts: an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment; and

Youth: a student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living or the arts.

SPOTLIGHT on Enviro-Hero Nominees

Health: Dave Bathe

Dave Bathe is the founder of Haliburton Grain Community Shared Agriculture. Dave was inspirational in starting the first Grain CSA in not only Haliburton County but possibly in Ontario.

The idea of initiating a locally-grown grain movement in Haliburton arose after Dave became aware of Haliburton County's local food movement and

peoples' interest in sustainable living. For many years, Dave had wanted to grow a small quantity of grain for his own use. In 2009 he planted a test plot of fall rye. After a neighboring farmer combined the rye, the word began to spread. The Grain CSA came up in conversation and was presented at Haliburton's local food events and by October 2010, 15 people and two farms had signed on.

Early in 2011 a meeting was held to further promote the initiative. The CSA model was presented to those present with an explanation of the pitfalls and risks of being involved in an agricultural venture such as a grain CSA. Thirty-five people stepped forward to participate in Haliburton's first Grain CSA. Before the spring planting, 43 people committed to 40 shares of the CSA. The 2011 harvest was the first for the Haliburton Grain CSA and shareholder response has been positive. His efforts prove that the community will support local grains. Dave has been instrumental in encouraging local farmers to try and grow crops for local consumption.

For years, Dave has also been an active behind the scenes member of Environment Haliburton. He took financial responsibility for the "extend the growing season hoop house project". As a result of that demonstration project, several local gardeners have built a variety of structures to extend their growing season.

Business: Lorne & Robin Heise

Lorne and Robin's leadership and commitment to the LIMNION project has been ongoing. Much of the research associated with the LIMNION project has not only been ground breaking but also involves the development of testing facilities which are the first of their kind. LIMNION offers a unique work environment that encourages free thinking...a dream come true for "outside of the box" personalities. The reality of bringing a list of ideas (many the first of their kind) from scribbles on a white board to world class products in less than 18 months is truly amazing.

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Stewardship: Paul MacInnes

Paul MacInnes is a man of action, commitment and innovation. He is a contributing member of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) and Abbey Gardens Council, the president of the Maple, Beech, Cameron Lakes Cottagers' Association, and the president and founding member of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations Inc. (CHA).

Paul believes in partnerships and was instrumental in combining the support of the HHSC and CHA to present the Decision Maker Series to the four Haliburton Councils. These presentations focused on water quality related to the effect of septic systems and the importance of wetlands. A great deal of interest was evident during and after these presentations and as a result, a couple of the municipal councils have pressed the Province for proper septic inspection. Another partnership supported by Paul was between HHSC and the Federation of

Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA). This resulted in the development of the Lake Plan Manual, a must-have guide to planning.

Haliburton's lakes are important to Paul. CHA now represents 52 lakes (41 Associations) in the County and beyond. And that means all those lake stewards have access to information on critical environmental projects such as the Lake Trout project. They also receive the Lake Steward Manual so that they can share best practices and get the latest information on environmental issues of interest. Paul was the key person in the development of this manual and is presently working on a Lakeshore Owners Guide "LOG", a source of information for all lakeshore property owners in the County.

Paul's many hours of volunteer labour speaking, planning and organizing have made a difference in thoughts and actions across the County. His ability to reach people with his message regarding the connection between a strong economy and the sustainability and improvement of our environment is the key to his success and a goal worthy of others to follow.

Join the Land Trust for its 5th Annual Wild About Nature event at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, June 16. Entertainment by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jazz Ensemble. Hors d'oeuvres & Dinner by Rhubarb. Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased/reserved by contacting the Land Trust at 705-457-3700 or admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.



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Position #2

(Supported by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada – Canada Summer Jobs)

- Marketing & Membership Assistant, Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands
- This position includes assisting with summer events, membership renewal packages, Facebook and Twitter marketing, web site updates, monthly events newsletter and eblasts.
- 7 weeks at \$10.25/hr. Employment dates: Tuesday, July 3 through Friday, Aug 17 (Monday – Friday, 9 am to 4 pm)
- Skills and attributes required for both positions: an interest in the arts, good computer skills, good communications skills and initiative, post-secondary studies related to arts, culture, education, marketing, or business would be helpful.
- Applicants for both positions must be between 16 and 30 years of age, have been registered as a full-time student within the previous academic year, and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the coming year.

Please forward cover letter and resume by May 25, 2012 to: Donna Gagnon, Coordinator Arts Council Haliburton Highlands. P.O. Box 931, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0 or e-mail: donna@haliburtonarts.on.ca or drop off at 153 Mallard Rd. Haliburton (off Industrial Park Rd).

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Detailed job description if available upon request.

Please send resume and cover letter by email to program@haliburtonhighlandtrust.ca or mail to P.O. Box 1478, 739 Mountain Street, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. Applications must be received by Friday, May 25, 2012.

Highlander sports

St. Peter's ACHS students leave their mark

Submitted by Dana Manning

On Wednesday, May 9, St. Peter's ACHS College School attended the annual SSAF Track and Field event for grades 5-8 students at York University in Toronto. The event hosted over 50 schools and had well over 2,000 in attendance.

St. Peter's ACHS grade 5 student Lucas Haedicke had an impressive performance capturing first place overall in the 1,500-metre race, finishing with a time of 5:34 and lapping another student in the process. Former Olympic coach Jadranko Bozanovic presented Lucas with his gold medal and felt that with continued coaching and training, Haedicke could possibly become a track star in the future.

Miki Bukta competed as an underaged participant and gave a phenomenal performance, finishing second overall in the standing long jump. When asked about his performance, a humble Bukta replied, "There were so many other good athletes; I didn't think that I was going to place. Next year, I hope that I can win the gold like Lucas."

Regardless of the bad weather, all the ACHS students gave a solid performance and enjoyed the track meet. Teacher and coach Peter Thyrring was very pleased with the team's overall performance and is looking forward to having his school compete again next year.



Left: Lucas Haedicke shows off his gold medal, and his team mate Miki Bukta with his silver medal.

High school sports flash

Submitted by Judi Paul

The junior girls' soccer team lost in their game against LCVI. Player of the game for Haliburton was Tamara Berry.

The soccer team played their best game of the season against I.E. Weldon, but were unable to put the ball in the net. The girls tied I.E. Weldon with a 3-3 score. Scoring for Haliburton was Casey Pringle with two goals (one shared goal with Shay-Lynn Hutchings) and Jess Bishop with one goal. Players of the game were Shay-Lynn Hutchings, Jaimie Dack and Casey Pringle.

The junior girls' soccer team put in a great effort against Brock, but were defeated.

The senior girls' soccer team defeated Brock by a score of 4-1. Scoring for Haliburton was Casey Pringle with one goal and Bailey Walker with the hat trick. Players of the game were Jaimie Dack, Grace Diezel and Jess Bishop.

In what can only be described as hurricane-force winds, the junior girls' soccer team lost in their match against I.E. Weldon.

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Highlander outdoors

Weighing anchor for the boating life

By Lisa Harrison

When it comes to choosing the boat type that's right for you, it helps to start with an idea of the boat types available to suit your needs in the inland lake and river boating environment.

Pontoon boats give you living-room-like comfort on the water with couches, lounges and swivel seats. The slow, lazy riders are economically priced with smaller engines. But you can also go from floating living room to water adventure in minutes with high performance models for wakeboarding and tubing, even skiing. Double-decker styles feature slides for the ultimate in family fun. Options include GPS fishfinder systems and premium sound systems.

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water sports. Fishing styles can glide more easily and smoothly than most other boats into coves and inlets in shallow water where fish are more plentiful. Aluminum boats are primarily powered by outboard engines, with tiller and remote steering options.

Hybrid power propulsion is becoming increasingly

available and affordable in family-sized boats; for example, a 14-foot-long, 710-pound solar-electric model with joystick and twin 24-volt batteries that can be powered up using a standard electrical outlet. Larger models may feature solar panels on the roof and come with biodiesel generator back-up. Hybrid benefits include lower

environmental impact on air and water quality, improved safety due to having less fuel on board and noise reduction.

High performance boats offer precise handling and high speeds. These powerful, sleek-hulled craft are equally at home relaxing in a quiet cove or slicing across a lake (or ocean). They range from 19 to 50 feet, can accommodate

up to eight people and are trailerable. Propulsion may be outboard, inboard, sterndrive or jet. With sleeping quarters and fully-equipped galley, this is the ultimate choice for cottagers and travellers who want to explore far beyond their own shores.

Various higher-powered boat types already listed can accommodate both wakeboarders and water skiers. However, if you want to target one specific sport, keep in mind that water skiers and wakeboarders tend to look for opposite traits in the way a boat cuts through the water. Wakeboarders prefer a giant wake to launch from when crossing behind the boat. Water skiers look for a low wake for easy crossing and

a precise turn. Inboard propulsion provides the speed they both need for jumps and tricks, while different hull shapes and engine configurations and placement provide the desired wake size.

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Senior highlanders

Readers respond

This week I received three great letters I'd like to pass on. Here is the first.

Hi Penny,

Just a note about your article on cramps. I looked for your qualifications in the column and couldn't find them. I think you should include them as many do not know you.

Also cramps are related to calcium intake. Those who do not get enough calcium will be jumping up at night. This affects me if I forget to have my milk during the day or take my calcium pills.

I have no qualifications, just experience.

Pauline

Dear Pauline,

Your comment about calcium is a good one and I'm glad you picked up on the importance of calcium intake and its role in causing leg cramps. Thanks so much.

To address your question about my qualifications, you are right. They should be clear for readers who don't know me. I'll be sure to include a quick bio at the bottom of every column from here on.

I am a graduate of the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine. I took a double major and graduated as both a Physical and Occupational Therapist and over the years, I practiced in both fields. I've worked in hospitals, clinics and as a visiting home therapist, so my experience is long and broad. I've also written articles for medical journals, magazines and newspapers. Hope that allays your concerns.

Here is the second letter. It's certainly worth printing here.

Hello Penny!

I would like to make a few comments on the May 10 article *Seeing Svtars*.

1. I wonder what qualifications the doctor had that caused him to state that it's nothing to worry about. Anything to do with eye vision and subsequent changes is always a concern.

2. Is the person on medications and what ailments does he have? Some doses of certain medications have to be monitored carefully to avoid problems (i.e. Methotrexate, Prednisone, Hydroxchloroquine, etc.)

3. Any time a person starts seeing stars, speckles, dots, flashes, etc. it is then time to see an ophthalmologist [a vision physician who specializes in the treatment of disorders of the

eyes]

4. Eye disorders can cause the Ministry of Transportation to revoke your driver's license. I notice lots of seniors on the highways who seem to lack proper peripheral vision.

Don't slough this problem off like it's a normal occurrence, because it's not.

Eddie Lehman

Dear Eddie,

Thanks for your thoughtful note. I've printed it as a reminder to everyone about how important it is to get properly checked out by a qualified physician.

Here's the third letter. Thanks Dan.

Dear Penny

The letter from Handy Hanna could have been written by me as my hands crack and peel as well, mainly in the winter from ice fishing as I don't wear gloves and my hands are always wet from putting on minnows. My thumbnails crack so bad I use Super Glue.

Two years ago, I purchased a container of O'Keeffe's Working Hands from a local hardware store. After using it for about four nights in a row and a couple of times during the day, the cracking had stopped and my hands were back to normal.

Hope this helps.

Cheers Dan

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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IN SUPPORT OF Lynda Johnston and family, who lost everything in their house fire, April 27 on Burke Road, Caroline Redner has established an account (03292-8994506) at the Haliburton BMO where the community can make contributions to assist the family. Contact Ruby Johnston, 705-286-1146 (M31)

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GARAGE SALE - May 19 & 20, 8 am - noon, 1103 Red Umbrella Road, Minden, antiques/furniture, 1932 Mayflower Refrigerator, sporting equipment, riding lawnmower bagger system, household items

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - May 19, 9 am - 4 pm, 295 Riverside Drive, something for everyone

NO JUNK YARD SALE - May 19 & 20, 8 am - 4 pm, 1055 Studio Lane, Gooderham, large variety of useful items

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - May 19, 8am - 2pm, 1336 Hamilton Road, (off South Lake Road) Minden, follow signs, furniture, Dakota tires, ice auger, golf cart & bag, kitchen items, children's books/games, etc.

HUGE 3 FAMILY YARD SALE - May 18, 19, 20, 8am - 5pm, NO EARLY BIRDS, 1197 Milburn Road, Minden, 1km off the Gelert Road, leftover building supplies, tools, lots of guy stuff, furniture, restaurant & boating equipment and much much more. Rain or shine

TWO FAMILY YARD SALE - May 19 & 20, 8am, County Road 21 across from Curry Motors, fishing equipment, scrapbooking & craft supplies, furniture, small appliances, good clothes and much, much more

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - May 19, 8:30am - 2pm, Highland Gate Drive & Knobhill Court, Minden, something for everyone

BAKE & YARD SALE - Maple Lake United Church, corner of Hwy 118 & Airport Road, 9am - 3pm

BAKE & YARD SALE - Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Road, 9am - 1pm



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Doors open at 5:00pm. Supper served from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

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For more information, please call 705-457-4800. Donations to the program are accepted.

May 2012

TheHighlander Community Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25 - July 4 -

- Metaluxe at the Rail's End Gallery, Friday, May 25, 5-7 pm opening reception and meet the Artist, Heather Inwood-Montrose, whose passion for detail is evident in her creations, which range from outdoor installations to three-dimensional wall art to jewellery with inspiration drawn from the natural beauty of the Bancroft area, nature and the many interesting people who cross her path www.railsendgallery.com
- May 31 - June 2 - Haliburton-Stanhope Airport's 19th Annual Young Eagles' Days, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of powered flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903, Thursday 5-8 pm, Friday 5-8 pm & Saturday 9 am-2 pm, FREE AIRPLANE RIDES, program for students between 8 & 17 years of age requiring consent forms from parent/guardian to participate, 705-457-5272
- June 16 - Rail's End Trash N Treasures Community Yard Sale, a FUN-draising event for Rail's End Gallery and Arts Centre, Head Lake Park, Haliburton Village, 8 am, including art exhibits, music, food, antiques, vintage stuff, plants, toys, tools & other treasures. Special features: a Butter Tart Contest from 9-11 am; find out what your treasure's worth with Why Not Collect It from 10-noon; Chariot of Fire hot glassblowing demo with Artech Studio & Lia's Glass Dreams from 11-4 pm. To book your spot, download vendor registration information at www.railsendgallery.com, 705-457-2330
- To June 22 - Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club 1456253 presents an 8 week public speaking course,

McKeck's Blue Line, 12 noon - 1 pm

(times negotiable), led by successful Toastmasters, this course will help individuals from all walks of life to enhance leadership, speaking and negotiating skills, for information or to register contact Sybil in Minden - 705-286-2624 or Ruth in Haliburton - 705-455-9459

am - 5 pm, meet the new curator, Darren Levstek, who will be speaking about some of the artifacts at 1 pm, 705-286-2808

- Feats of Clay pottery and raku firing demonstrations by Haliburton County Studio Tour artists, 11 am to 4 pm, outdoors on the Rail's End patio - part of Transitions: Haliburton County Studio Tour 25th Anniversary Exhibition in the main gallery until June 16
- Haliburton County Folk Society, Open Stage, location to be determined

Sunday - 20

- Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Property Owners' Association AGM, Firemen's Hall, North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, 12:30 pm - registration, 1 pm - meeting, members only (membership may be purchased at the door), contact Doug Palmer 705-489-3799

Monday - 21 - VICTORIA DAY - Call to see if events are running

- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7-10 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 22

- "K" Days, OYEC Haliburton, school readiness in Kinder Corner & Circle Time for children starting Kindergarten in September, 705-457-2989
- Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 am, 705-457-2941
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation

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Wednesdays - 7 pm, Bingo
Last Thursday of month - 1 pm,
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MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, rclbranch636@hotmail.com

- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 pm, Euchre

Fridays - 5-7 pm, Fish & Chips
Dinner

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

- Saturday, May 12 - Lou Moody Rainbow Trout Derby - register at the Legion on May 11 or Fishes Lunch Box by 10 am, weigh in 3-6pm at the Legion
- Sunday, May 13 - 9-12 noon, LA

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Sharpening pencils and skills for EQAO tests

By Lisa Harrison

Eat well, drink water, sharpen pencils – go!

The Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO) assessments for reading, writing and mathematics will begin next week for students in Grades 3 and 6. The annual tests in elementary schools across the province will run from May 23 to June 6.

The assessment program is administered by the EQAO, an independent Ontario government agency. EQAO develops and implements assessment programs for both elementary and secondary schools. It also coordinates the province's participation in various national and international assessments, such as the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program and programs of the International Association for Evaluation of Educational Achievement.

During the 17 years since it was introduced, the EQAO assessment process has produced some performance anxiety in students and vicariously in their parents, but according to Andrea Gillespie, that tendency is fading.

As Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement and Operations for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), Gillespie's role incorporates oversight of the EQAO process for all elementary schools in the board area, which includes Haliburton County.

That involves ensuring that schools have properly prepared students for EQAO tests; that students are as comfortable as possible in taking the tests; and that schools and the board make the best use of the test results to identify strengths and areas for improvement, needed resources, the success of prior initiatives and more. With improvements in both the process and the use of the data, parents have also become increasingly comfortable with the assessments.

"The first EQAO was 10 days long and it was hard," said Gillespie, emphasizing "hard." "Now we have a two-week window, so each day [testing] is about an hour."

Also, schools have changed the assessment culture, Gillespie

said.

"It's not about the tests. It's about making sure that good learning is happening so that kids are ready to write the assessments at the end of Grade 3 and at the end of Grade 6."

Schools ensure that students have been well fed before the tests begin, that they have plenty of water to drink throughout the test and that they have special accommodations if necessary.

Gillespie said that in some schools, the test period now has "almost a celebratory feel" with cards or posters wishing students well, in part to sow positive feelings about the assessments throughout the school.

Other schools may keep the atmosphere status quo leading up to the assessments so that they appear to be just another round of tests. At Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton,



Erin Chumbley outlines her math solution process to teacher John Stephen and fellow Grade 3 students Tyler Wilson and Lexie Bridgeman at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton.

itself is low key but the kids get a trip to YMCA Wanakita Day Camp when it's done.

Gillespie said that parents who may have been hesitant about their child's involvement in the assessments have generally been reassured when they learn how beneficial the resulting data is, not only for each board and each school, but also for each child in terms of continual improvement. For example, the board added literacy and instructional coaches to help teachers improve student reading skills. Gillespie said this has made "a significant difference" in junior reading scores.

The following are some tips to help parents prepare their children for EQAO testing:

Make sure your child receives a good night's rest and eats a nutritious breakfast; ask them interesting questions that came up that day; stay positive so the child is comfortable with the process; and reassure the child that trying their very best is what is most important.

If you have questions of your own, the school principal will be happy to help.

More information on elementary and secondary school assessments, including parent resources, is available at the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

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\$354,900

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1028 South Lake Rd.
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- Large deck for entertaining, or just to sit out on and enjoy the

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 - full walkout basement
 - gentle slope to water
 - parklike setting
 - extensive decking & docks.



New Price

- 3 Bedrooms
- detached 2 car garage
- extensive decking and docking
- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 3.39 acres & 187 frontage



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Guilford Lake - \$549,900



- MODERN LOG HOME
- 1.59 acre with 405 feet frontage
 - private lot on quiet lake
 - upgraded dock system
 - master bedroom loft with balcony
 - private setting, year round access

Clement Lake - \$200,000



- SPRING FED LAKE
- private year round home/cottage
 - expansive view
 - lakeside decking & docking
 - close to town and all amenities
 - open concept, sliding doors to deck



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Hunter Creek Rd - \$314,900



- Well maintained Royal Home
- 2+1 bedrooms, drilled well
- 2,100 sq. ft. of living space
- attached 2 car garage/heated coat/boot rm
- rec room, built-in bar & dance floor
- recent upgrades

Salerno Lake - \$469,000



- New Listing
- open concept living/dining & kitchen
 - 5 bedrooms for family & friends
 - year round private lot
 - exceptionally well maintained cottage/home



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- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3+2 bdrms renovated year round cottage
- Fully equipped winterized bunks
- 3 bay detached garage
- Cozy Family Room, walkouts to decks



- Level lots, nicely wooded, very private
- Easy year round access near Haliburton
- 4.76 acres - offered at \$45,000
- 9.92 acres offered at \$49,000.



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Crystal Lake level lot - \$389,900

- 3 bedroom + bunkie,
- Solid construction, built in mid 80s
- Full unfinished basement with walkout
- Gorgeous level lot, wade in shoreline,
- Gentle slope to the water
- Quiet bay, low boat traffic



Crystal Lake great value - \$239,000

- Spacious four season, three bedroom
- Upgrades include new shingles, flooring
- New siding, plumbing with UV filtration
- 2 levels - family room, rec room + laundry
- 52' frontage, gentle slope, wade in water
- One neighbour has deeded access to dock

Hilltop Road - \$389,900



- closer to town
- newer 4 bedroom home
- approx 4 acres mature treed lot
- double attached garage
- partially finished walkout basement
- high speed internet available

Pelaw Lake - \$584,900



- CUSTOM BUILT HOME
- over 2,400 sq ft luxury living
 - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
 - 3 walkouts to covered deck
 - Ac, jacuzzi, hardwood floors
 - RV/5th wheel hook up ready



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Haliburton Lake - \$259,000

- PRICED TO SELL!
- 157 ft of sand & rock shoreline
 - 3 bedroom, open concept
 - new dock & wood stove
 - completely furnished
 - turn key ready to enjoy



Nesbitt Road - \$29,900

- 2 acre, level, well treed building lot
- close to Minden & golf courses
- municipal, quiet dead end road.
- dug wall, hydro at the road.
- great spot for your dream home



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Walkers Lake - \$329,000

- 1,600 frontage, 3.56 ac
- 4 bedrooms
- 2,500 sq ft, w/o basement
- 1.5 detached garage
- east, south & west exposures



Iron Lake Acreage - \$130,000

- 100 ac, backs onto Crown land
- Managed Forest Plan
- mature pine plantation
- maple sugar bush stand
- extensive frontage on Iron Lake



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Pine Street - \$145,900

- IN TOWN HOME
- 1,000 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 1 washroom
 - walk to all amenities
 - limited maintenance, fenced yard
 - 2 deck areas, patio, gardens
 - renovated - hardwood, windows, etc.



Kashagawigamog - \$374,900

- MILLION DOLLAR VIEW
- stunning expansive panoramic view
 - 1.67 acre lot with 228 ft waterfront
 - 3,000 total living space
 - corner stone fireplace
 - located between Haliburton & Minden